

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 20, 22-43, 46-49, and 51-57 are in the case.

**I. THE ANTICIPATION REJECTION**

Claims 20, 22, 23, 29 and 31-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,602,871B2 to Lam et al. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner has indicated that the subject matter of claims 41-43 is free of the prior art and allowable. Moreover, claims 21, 24-28, 30, 36-40 and 44-57 have been objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim but otherwise would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In light of the indication of allowability as set forth in the Action, claim 20 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 21, and claim 21 has been cancelled without prejudice. This amendment has been made without conceding to the merit of the outstanding anticipation rejection, and is presented in order to expedite prosecution of the present application to allowance. The subject matter cancelled from the present application has been deleted without prejudice to pursuing that subject matter in a separate continuing application.

Withdrawal of the outstanding anticipation rejection is now believed to be in order. Such action is respectfully requested.

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**II. THE 35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH,**

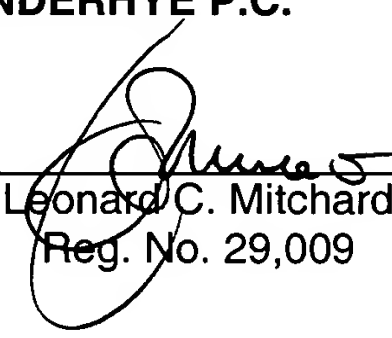
It is noted, with appreciation, that the previous rejection of claims 20-30, 45 and 50 has been withdrawn.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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